

THE FALCON FLYER

May 24, 2010



Dear Floral Street Families,

We'd like to begin this week with an **enormous THANK YOU**. It goes out to a large group of folks who spent nearly all of Saturday attending to a tedious and long-overdue task: our cafeteria chairs. Floral Street is in its thirteenth year, and the multi-purpose chairs we have to service our cafeteria, gymnasium and much more have stood up well over the years, thanks in part to the care and maintenance our custodial staff, most recently Mr. David Poe, has provided. But they did really need a good scrubbing, and this Saturday they got it – in the form of a power washing.

So what's the big deal? We were able to provide this deep cleaning by professional cleaners thanks to an exceptionally generous donation from Mr. David Lowy, one of our dedicated paraprofessionals and a Floral Street parent. It doesn't stop there – Mr. Poe gave up his Saturday to assist the efforts, along with a host of other volunteers. We would like to thank:

Students: Jamie Collins (grade 9), Gavin Fischer (grade 5), Ethan Fischer (grade 9), Colin Fischer (grade 11), Justin Furuness (grade 5), Nick Georgian (grade 6), Zach Georgian (grade 9), Matt Georgian (grade 11), Kristen Heirtzler (grade 5), Aaron Lowy (grade 1), Annalise Lowy (grade 6), Emily Mirsky (grade 6), Evan Radovanic (grade 5), Mariana Silverio (grade 5) – and Dylan Lowy (age 3!)

Shrewsbury Parents & Community Members: Joe Radovanic, Andrea Lowy, John Georgian, Sandy Georgian, and Mary Fischer.

Some vital stats on the day: The "crew" of 20 volunteers, one custodian, and two professional power washers took one sunny Saturday and 7 hours of work (along with 1 sheet pizza and 1 case of water) to clean 500 chairs and used 2 bottles of glue to fix 75 of those chairs that were broken!

We've said it before, but can't say it often enough: Schools aren't really bricks and mortar, classrooms and light fixtures – they are people. And Floral Street is a special place **because of people like these - we could not be more fortunate.**

Sincerely,

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FLORAL STREET NOTICES

Sherwood Information Night

Sherwood Middle School will be hosting information nights for incoming fifth grade students and parents this week.

Thursday, May 27th *SMS Parent and Student Information Night* for incoming fifth grade students (5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) from Floral Street School and Paton School. Students and

parents will participate in self - guided tours prior to attending an informational session in the gymnasium at 6:30 p.m.

Parents in the Beal, Morgan, and Ross classes may attend the previous evening, Wednesday the 26th, as the 27th conflicts with the spring chorus concert. The times and program are the same.

Fourth Grade Parents

Please look in your child's folder today for the Fourth Grade Celebration Barbecue flyer. It has all the information regarding the event. Please complete the form and return it to school with \$3.00 (cash or check made out to the FSS PTO) as soon as possible. If your child is not going to participate, and will bring their own lunch that day, please return the form stating so. Please contact Kim Wackell at kwackell@townisp.com with any questions.

Moving? Missing the last day?

If your family is planning on moving after the end of the school year, please let the main office know as soon as possible so that we can ensure a smooth transition. Also, if your child will miss the last day of school for any reason, please let the office know in advance so that we can arrange for report cards, etc. Thank you!

School Supplies

The Floral Street School PTO is sending home today a **Back to School Pack Form** offered through **Innisbrook** for next year's school supplies for Grades 2, 3 and 4. This is *not* a fundraiser, just a courtesy that we are offering as a convenience to parents and families. The sale will begin May 24th and continue to June 7, 2010.

The **Back to School Packs** are being offered at a discounted rate. The lists are all approved from the Teachers at Floral Street School and are the exact lists that will be posted on the Floral Street School Website. The **Back to School Packs** will be delivered to Floral Street one week prior to first day of school and delivered to your child's classroom. If you choose to participate in this program you have the option of ordering on-line or completing the form and returning it along with a check made out to **Floral Street School PTO**.

Parents can also order additional items such as backpacks, lunch boxes, water bottles, workbooks etc. on-line at www.schoolsupplies4you.com <<http://www.schoolsupplies4you.com>>. Our School Number is 114240. These additional items would be sent directly to your home. If you have any questions please contact Patti Wolohan at wolohan5@townisp.com. Thank you.

OTHER DISTRICT NOTICES:

Bus Pass Registration

Registration for bus passes for the 2010-2011 school year is open. The fee structure for those in grades K-6 living less than two miles from school and all in grades 7-12 remains the same as this past year, at \$250 per student with a \$500 family cap. All students who will ride the bus next year, whether or not a fee is required, must be registered online through our web site by the **June 1 deadline** in order to avoid a \$50 late fee per student (\$100 family cap). For those who must pay a bus fee, the payment must also be made by the June 1 deadline. Please go to the Shrewsbury Public Schools website at <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/> and click on 2010-2011 Bus Pass Registration for more detailed information and to register your child. This year, all registrations and payments must be made online.

If you have questions about bus pass registration, see our Frequently Asked Questions document at http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1272968805_691802.pdf or you may send an inquiry to transportation@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us.

Celebration in the Garden Fundraiser

On Saturday, June 12th, at 6:30pm, the 2nd annual fundraiser "A Celebration in the Garden" will be held to benefit Shrewsbury Public Schools. All proceeds raised from this event - hosted by local citizens - will be dispersed evenly to all the schools to purchase textbooks and instructional materials and to support innovative programs and activities. Every school benefits!!! The event will be held this year at the historic Pease Tavern, 32 Main Circle, and will feature a garden venue, delicious food from Struck Catering, a fine wine and beer sampling provided by Renaissance Wine and Spirits, live Irish music "Mulligan's Fancy", and both silent and live auctions. The evening will be a relaxing, fun-filled event, and attendees will enjoy an early summer evening in the company of friends and neighbors.

Numerous local business sponsors are helping underwrite this event and include Dunkin Donuts, Danielson's Flowers and Ski Ward. Many significant auction items have been donated including a family summer membership at Shrewsbury Health and Racquet Club, 1/2 day tuition on full day Kindergarten for new student at Lilliput Early Childhood Center, a day's worth of labor by Goodfellas and Beaton Construction Companies; and this year the School Committee will be live auctioned for 2 hours work to the highest bidder, following last year's auction of the Board of Selectmen.

The cost is \$50 per ticket and the RSVP date is May 28th. Please make checks payable to the Shrewsbury Schools Betterment Fund and mail to the attention of Hannah Kane, 32 Main Circle, Shrewsbury MA 01545. For more information, please contact: Hannah Kane at hkane@townisp.com or Melanie Petrucci at rmpetrucci@townisp.com.

The Elementary Lunch Menu can be found at any time at:
<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/departments/division.php?fDD=20-17>

Important Dates:

May 25, 26, 27	Spring Chorus Concerts May 25: <i>Bisceglia, Largess, Spangenberg</i> May 26: <i>Borraccino, Edgren, Richard</i> May 27: <i>Beal, Morgan, Ross</i>
May 31	No school – Memorial Day
June 1 & 3	Field Days June 1: Grade 1 & 2 June 3: Grade 3 & 4
June 16	Fourth Grade Celebration
June 17	Open House for <u>new</u> students
June 18	Last day of school – half day

Please check the FSS website for other important dates and the most recent updates!